

infrastructure protection, which is reduced by \$187 million. We reduced it by adding up all the various specific amounts that were asked for in the specific programs, and this was an overage after that. Second, science and technology, research and development, where we went with the President's commitment of \$803 million, rather than the committee number of \$866 million. Our high-needs areas need help. This will do it without breaking the budget by one nickel.

It does rearrange the priorities some, but it is the priorities we think are fair. We are trying to accommodate many colleagues on the other side who wished for an offset. This seems to be the right one. I reiterate, our high-needs areas, wherever they may be, or high-threat areas, need more help than they are given in the bill. The bill goes down from the amount we did last year, despite promises by all that it would go up. We don't break the budget, and we don't take it from small States.

I urge support for this amendment, and I yield the floor as we approach the time of 3:40.

HONORING THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF OFFICER J.J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATHS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 3:40 p.m. having arrived, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in honor of Capitol Police Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson.

(Moment of Silence.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, 5 years ago on this day, Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson were killed in the line of duty defending the United States Capitol.

At 3:40 p.m. on Friday afternoon, July 24th, 1998, a deranged gunman burst through what is now called the Memorial Door and shot Officer Chestnut in the head. The gunman then moved to the first floor where he attempted to enter the majority whip's office. There, he met Officer Gibson who blocked the intruder and opened fire. A gun battle ensued and Officer Gibson was fatally shot.

Officers Chestnut and Gibson lost their lives that day for us, for this Capitol, for the United States of America.

Officer Chestnut, a father of five, was only months away from retirement. His sister-in-law said that J.J. was "the most wonderful man you would ever meet . . . He just wanted to enjoy his garden and enjoy his children." A Vietnam vet, Officer Chestnut spent 20 years in the Air Force before serving 18 years as a Capitol Police Officer. He was recognized by all of his colleagues as a dedicated, kind, and good man.

John Gibson, also an 18-year veteran on the Capitol force, was a father of three. He was described by friends as generous and God-fearing. Only a few

days before the shooting, he told one of his colleagues that he had never had to use his weapon, but if he did, he would be focused, and concentrate on the task at hand. Little did he know how soon he would be tested, and how valiantly he would perform in our service, in the Nation's service.

Officers Chestnut and Gibson will always be remembered for their personal and professional integrity, their bravery, and their sacrifice. We honor them today with a brief moment of silence.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. The poet Archibald MacLeish was an ambulance driver in World War I. Years later, in a poem about soldiers lost in battle, he wrote: The young dead soldiers do not speak. Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses.

Who has not heard them?

They have a silence that speaks for them at night and when the clock strikes.

It is right, and it is important, that we stop every year at this moment to remember in silence the courage and sacrifice of Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson.

But it is not only at this moment, on this day, that we remember these fallen heroes.

We remember Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson every time we pass the Memorial Door and see that bronze plaque that bears their likenesses.

We remember them whenever we see Capitol Police officers working double shifts to protect us.

We remembered them yesterday, when we heard the awful news about the shooting at New York City Hall.

Like the young soldiers in the poem, 5 years after that terrible Friday afternoon, J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson are still heard in this house—the people's House.

We hear them in the conversations, the questions and the laughter of the schoolchildren and scout troops and all the others who visit this Capitol.

Five years ago, we probably did not understand fully the risks the Capitol Police take every day when they put on their badges and come to work, but Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson understood.

They knowingly risked their lives because they loved this building and what it represents, and they wanted others to be able to see their Government at work.

We are not as innocent now as we were then. September 11 and the anthrax attacks made us all more aware that there are those who want to see the people's House closed, even destroyed.

The fact that this Capitol remains open—that visitors can still walk these majestic halls and sit in these galleries—is a powerful symbol of America's commitment to democracy. It is a testimony to the skill and courage of the Capitol Police. And it is a daily, living tribute to Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

Today is a sad day for the members of the Capitol family, but it is not just

with sadness that we remember our two fallen heroes.

We also remember how much we liked and respected them. We remember how much J.J. Chestnut loved his garden, and how crazy John Gibson was about his Red Sox. We remember how proud they were of their work, and how deeply they both loved their families.

Our hearts, and our prayers, go out today to their brothers and sisters in arms, the members of the Capitol Police, to the many friends they left behind, and especially, to their widows and children and, in Officer Chestnut's case, his grandchildren.

We think of them often, as well. Their sacrifices, too, will never be forgotten.

Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson gave their lives to protect something that is sacred to all of us. In doing so, they surely saved the lives of countless others. They are heroes.

Five years later, we remain in awe of their courage and sacrifice. And we are grateful to them beyond words.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

AMENDMENT NO. 1370

Mr. STEVENS. I am bothered by the offset on this amendment. In the 2003 bill, we provided \$850 million to high-threat urban grants. This bill already contains another \$750 million for high-threat urban grants. That is a total of \$1.6 billion for high-threat urban grants.

Every community in the country is affected by the alert system. Every community in the country faces increased costs. These megalopolises of the country, the large urban areas, are demanding that everybody pay more for them, but the smaller cities, the smaller counties, the smaller areas, have the same problem. On a per capita basis, it is a higher cost to provide protection to small areas than the high-threat urban areas.

I do not know why we should have New York City and Philadelphia, in particular. They are the ones seeking this money. There is no question there is a need. But there is a need in Peoria. There is a need in Cincinnati. There is a need in Tucson. There is a need in New Orleans.

The money they have taken for this is money that deals with homeland security nationally. One of the offsets